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STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT ON LEBANON AS DELIVERED BY
AMBASSADOR JAMES LEONARD IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL MARCH
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BEGIN TEXT:

MR. PRESIDENT, FIRST, IF YOU PERMIT, TWO TECHNICAL, BUT NOT UNIMPORTANT, POINTS.

IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF MY DELEGATION THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL MAY ACT UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF PARAGRAPH L (A) OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/214 TO MAKE SUCH COMMITMENTS AS ARE REQUIRED TO EXPEDITE THE INITIATION OF THE MISSION AUTHORIZED BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 425, BEARING IN MIND ALSO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/214.

MY DELEGATION WISHES ALSO TO DRAW PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO PARAGRAPH 11 OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL S/12611 OF TODAY'S DATE WHICH HAS JUST BEEN EXPRESSLY APPROVED AND WHICH PROVIDES INTER ALIA THAT THE COSTS OF THE FORCE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS EXPENSES OF THE ORGANIZATION TO BE BORNE BY MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 17, PARAGRAPH 2, OF THE CHARTER.

IN APPROVING THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN LEBANON, THIS COUNCIL HAS TODAY DEMONSTRATED THAT IT CAN ACT EFFECTIVELY AND RAPIDLY TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE. THE UNITED STATES WARMLY WELCOMES THE ACTION JUST TAKEN. WE RECOGNIZE THAT ESTABLISHMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE INTERIM FORCE AND ENDORSEMENT OF ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE ONLY THE FIRST STEPS IN THE DIFFICULT TASK AHEAD. RESTORING PEACE AND SECURITY AND ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON TO RETURN ITS EFFECTIVE AUTHORITY TO THE AREA WILL REQUIRE THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF ALL CONCERNED. THE FORCE MUST, IN ADDITION, HAVE AT ALL TIMES THE CONFIDENCE AND BACKING OF THIS COUNCIL.

END TEXT. LEONARD

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